

Girl Scouts recruit CAFB members

Airman Boto Best
Public affairs

Columbus AFB parents can sign their daughters up for Girl Scouts of America Aug. 26 to Sept. 12 during normal business hours at the youth center.

Girls between the ages of five and 18 are eligible to join for a \$10 membership fee.

The Girl Scouts' on-base program is part of the organization's goal to "reach every girl everywhere," said Elmarie Brooks, Girl Scouts of Northeast Mississippi membership director.

"We recruit wherever there are girls between the ages of five and 18," said Ms. Brooks. "We even have a new movement to reach [home schooled children]."

The organization's fiscal year begins Oct. 1 and ends Sept. 30. "Girls can join at any time during those 12 months," Ms. Brooks said.

There are several programs to match girls' interests. For example, the 'Studio 2B' program for girls 11 through 17 focuses on careers including sports, science and technology.

The 'Wider Ops' program for girls 14 through 17 allows them to travel to different sites in the world doing humanitarian work.

"We teach the girls to develop values with an emphasis on self-esteem, honesty and fairness," said Lee Alford, membership specialist and in-school coordinator. "The activities are fun, and reflect those values as well."

"It's a place where they can come and be themselves, and there is no competition. If they have issues, they can talk them over with their leaders."

"I had to grow up to be a Girl Scout. I thank my daughter for getting me involved. It's just as rewarding for adults as it is for the girls."

The organization has a great need for volunteers, Ms. Alford said. "There is room for parents to volunteer and play a part, even if it's just on a one-on-one basis."

The organization offers free training for volunteers and training materials at a minimal cost. Volunteers are CPR and first aid certified.

Ms. Brooks said, "We understand that parents work full time, but we have to prioritize some things in our society. I fear for our young women."

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Mission Report

As of Wednesday

T-1A Goal: 2,428.0 hrs. Flown: 2,577.3 hrs. T-37 Goal: 2,0337 Flown: 3,233 T-38C Goal: 1,579 Flown: 1,724
Flying hours: Monday-Wednesday: 8 p.m. to 10: 30 p.m.; Thursday: 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Sept. 5: 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Airman Alexis Lloyd

Master Sgt. Curtis Chiles, Multicultural Committee president, and Col. Stephen Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, admire the Women's Equality Day quilt sewn by children from the base youth center. Christine Cannedy, youth center employee, worked with 15 children on the project for five weeks.

Symposium highlights gender equity

Tech. Sgt. Becky Roady
Public affairs

About 130 people celebrated National Women's Equality Day Tuesday with a dinner symposium at the Columbus Club.

The event featured panel discussion groups, a safety presentation, and a lecture by Col. Maggie Woodward, 12th Operations Group commander, Randolph AFB, Texas.

"Colonel Woodward was the ideal speaker," said Capt. Andrea Misener, 14th Flying Training Wing commanders action group officer. "She had great war stories from her days flying in Operations Just Cause, Desert Storm and Allied Force. She is an inspiration and role model."

A panel of women with profession-

al backgrounds ranging from civil service to medicine and law led discussions on a variety of topics, including mentorship, leadership, workplace perceptions, and balancing responsibilities.

Bill Cain, National Crime Prevention Task Force officer, presented practical information on current safety concerns such as carjacking, identity theft, stalking, pick-pocketing, road rage, sexual harassment and workplace safety.

Six base children were recognized for their essays on female heroes. Kayla Giegler, 11, received a \$100 savings bond for her first place essay on Amelia Earhart.

"I picked Amelia Earhart because she took a huge risk. I think it was very brave of her to do everything that

she did. I admire her self-confidence," Kayla said. "I wish one day that I could be like her and do all of the things that she did."

Erin Graves, 7, received a \$75.00 savings bond for her second place essay on Elenore Lea. Carli Hankey, 12, received a \$50.00 savings bond for her third place essay on Harriet Tubman.

Honorable mention went to Stephanie Bivins, 11; Anthony Dawson, 9; and Katie Hankey 10.

Christine Cannedy, youth center employee, presented Col. Stephen Schmidt, 14th FTW commander, a quilt made by youth center children to commemorate Women's Equality Day.

"The night was an outstanding experience," Captain Misener said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Pass and ID move

Pass and registration moves from the MPF to the visitor's center today. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Blaze 6 meeting

Blaze 6 will meet following the promotion ceremony at 4 p.m. today.

Legal assistance change

Beginning Monday, the legal office will serve walk-ins 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Appointments will be required 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays and 2-4 p.m. Thursdays. Call Ext. 7030 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Labor Day deadline

The Silver Wings office will be closed Monday. Bargain Line ads will be accepted until noon Tuesday.

Commissary schedule

The commissary will be open Tuesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thrift Shop consignments

The Thrift Shop, Bldg. 345 on C Street, will be open Tuesday 4-8 p.m. and Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Consignments are accepted until one hour before closing .

Trail, road closure

The walking trails and road to SAC Lake will be closed Tuesday through Sept. 15 for tree thinning around Camp Readiness. Personnel will not be permitted in the area during this time. Call Frank Lockhart at Ext. 3130 for more information.

TMO training

The Transportation Management Office will be minimally manned from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays due to training. Call Ext. 2684 for further information.

New library hours

For three weeks beginning Sept. 5, the base library will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. All other hours will remain the same. Call Ext. 2934 for more information.

Free movie prescreening

The Fighting Temptations, starring Cuba Gooding Jr, will show at 2 p.m. Sept 14 at the base theater. Free tickets to the movie are available at the base exchange until Sept. 13 and at the theater on the day of the preview.

NEWS



Elizabeth Davis

School's out!

Fifteen students graduated Thursday from the last Airman Leadership School of 2003.

Front row: Tech. Sgt. Deena Everist, instructor, and Senior Airmen Ryan McCake, CES; Stephanie Stanmore, 50 FTS; Christina Ward, 37 FTS; Lisa Cross, MDG; Staff Sgt. Jules Scalisi, SFS; Senior Airmen Zachary Ervin, 332 RS; Michael Goodman, 332 RS.

Back row: Aaron Allen, Command Post; Allan Arguello, SFS; Robert Martin, 48 FTS; Edward Donaher, SFS; Cory Futrell, SFS; Shawn Welborn, CES; Karen Wilson, Command Post; Jennifer Beaupre, MSG.

Labor Day Safety Tip

Seatbelts not only protect vehicle occupants during a mishap but also can and do prevent mishaps by holding the driver firmly behind the wheel and in control of the vehicle during sudden maneuvers.

SCOUTS

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Ms. Alford said, "When you take a [child] out camping for a weekend with no phone, radio or TV, and they don't miss that, and they tell you, 'I had a great time' it makes all the difference."

"When a child sees a special needs kid getting made fun of and they take a stand to make it stop, you know something you said got through."

There will also be a sign-up event at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 20 at Joe Cook Elementary School in Columbus. The event will feature an informative video presentation for parents and girls.

Meetings will occur on Mondays at 5 p.m. on base. Girl Scouts of America is a United Way agency. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Day to Care sign-up continues

Tech. Sgt Becky Roady
Public affairs

Blaze team members can still sign up to spend the morning of Sept. 11 in downtown Columbus working on meaningful community projects that support local non-profit agencies.

The United Way Day to Care event matches volunteers with groups such as the Red Cross, Helping Hands, Boys and Girls Club, 4-H, and Recovery House.

Base volunteers can choose between outdoor projects, such as landscaping the new downtown T-37 static display or spraying weed killer, and indoor projects, such as painting or helping with the luncheon.

An indoor painting project at the Palmer Home for children is also available.

Indoor and outdoor projects begin at 7:30 a.m. and the half-day event culminates in a free volunteer lunch party at the Trotter Convention Center.

Call Ext. 7073 to sign up.

Blaze squadrons compete for ‘Gift of Life’ trophy

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

Blaze team members can donate blood at a drive sponsored by the United Blood Services from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the chapel annex.

Donors are needed to ensure an ample supply of blood is available year-round.

“The blood supply dwindles during the summer months and during the holiday season when many people are traveling and are out of their normal donating area and routine,” said Sharon Nichols, base blood program officer.

Blood donated at Columbus AFB could help save or improve the life of an accident victim or a patient recovering from illness or surgery, Ms. Nichols said.

“The procedure is relatively painless — a small price to pay to help another person in such a big way,” she said.

The entire process takes about 45 minutes-five to 10 minutes to donate the blood and 35 to 40 minutes for paperwork and a minor health screening.

“A person who donates blood is a real hero without leaping tall buildings or other superhuman activities,” Ms. Nichols said.

“It’s the gift of life for others. That’s especially true during the Labor Day holiday, a historically high-need period,” said Lt. Col. Jim Davis, 14th Mission Support Squadron commander. “And what does it cost? Nothing ...



Senior Airman Chawntain Young
Maj. Cephas Franklin, 14th Communications Squadron commander, prepares to give blood. United Blood Services is conducting a blood drive 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the chapel annex.

just a few minutes out of your day. I couldn’t think of a better way to spend my time.”

Everyone who donates receives a free T-shirt. The squadron with the highest percentage of donations earns a trophy at a wing commander’s call. The 14th Mission Support Squadron won the last two Wing Commander’s

Gift of Life trophies.

Colonel Davis said, “I always ask people, ‘what would happen if someone you cared for were in an accident and required a blood transfusion? Wouldn’t you want that gift of life available?’”

For more information or to sign up, call Ext. 2123.

Earthquake response exercise comes to Columbus AFB



1st Lt. Richard Blakewood
The Defense Coordinating Element responds during a simulated earthquake aftermath here Wednesday. The DCE for this exercise was composed of soldiers from the 3rd Brigade, 87th Division of the U.S. Army. Several military and government agencies came to Columbus AFB for the exercise.

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Representatives from local, state, and federal emergency management agencies joined Army troops in an earthquake response simulation at Columbus AFB Wednesday.

The scenario simulated the aftermath of an earthquake along the New Madrid Fault.

“We have studied the direct actions on buildings and [other structures] in an earthquake scenario,” said Dr. Chris Mullen, Associate Professor of Structural Mechanics and Earthquake Engineering at the University of Mississippi.

“[This situation] requires a coordinated response, and that is what today’s exercise is focusing on - agency interaction and response reactions on different levels,” he said.

During an actual event, first responders from the local community would initiate the emergency response, followed by state and then federal agencies. If needed, the federal government could then call upon the Department of Defense to provide additional assets.

“There is a mechanism in place that goes all the way up to the president for us to provide help if [civilian] resources run out,” said Col. Daniel Zajac, 3rd Brigade, 87th Division commander and Defense Coordinating Officer (DCO).

The DCO and his cell, the Defense Coordinating Element, support the lead federal agency’s requests for assistance in presidentially declared disasters.

The DCE can provide assistance such as water purification, tent cities for the homeless and medical support. Colonel Zajac’s DCE is responsible for homeland security in Mississippi and Alabama.

This simulation allowed representatives from the different agencies and response levels to see how the process works in its entirety and gain some insight into the operating strategies of their counterparts.

“We don’t get a lot of opportunity to interact with the federal side of the house,” said T.H. Walker, Desoto County Emergency Management director. “Here, we can learn about what they have to deal with, and maybe some of the things that [the local responders] have learned can help responders on other levels.”

American Red Cross CPR courses 6 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday. Call 328-5710 to register.

Healthy relationships require quality time, real effort

Master Sgt. James Veal
509th Services Squadron, Whiteman AFB

As Air Force members, we don’t always have time to spend with our families. Unlike the 1940s and 1950s, when 75 percent of the force was single, today’s Air Force is predominately married and many people have children. And, in today’s ever-changing political and social environment, we can be called on a moment’s notice to be sent to any corner of the world for inordinate amounts of time.

Between deployments, temporary duty assignments and military obligations, the quantity of time spent outside the uniform is less than ever. That’s why it’s more important than ever to spend quality time with our families.

I can’t tell you how many hours I’ve wasted sitting around the house rather than spending some good, quality

time with the family. I still feel like I’m playing catch-up with those hours and days I wasted when I could have been bonding.

Your children are the most precious gifts you have. Don’t squander an opportunity today that you’ll want back later in life.

Take your children to a ball game or on a fishing trip. Take them with you when you go shopping or see a movie. Give children something to look forward to, such as a day just for them or maybe a special event. You can even involve your children in military-related events like the squadron car wash, or helping out with a picnic or ball game. Besides going to the shop or office, there aren’t many activities you can do that can’t involve the entire family if you want it to.

My father was a school superintendent and didn’t have

a whole lot of time for his kids, but what time he did spend with us was important. One of my fondest memories is my dad teaching me how to drop kick a football. I think it was no more than an hour, but it sticks with me more than 30 years later.

Use your leave! The government gives you 30 days a year for a reason. The time you’re given is meant to help you rest and relax. You need to take that time and use it to your advantage. Even if you’re using leave to finish a project or work on the car, get the family involved. You’d be amazed what a child learns by helping you work on a car.

So, use some of those skills learned at work and do more with less. It’s not the amount of time we spend with our family; it’s how the time is spent. Quality time with your loved ones will produce the lasting memories and the close relationships we all strive for.

Let those you value know you care...now

Lt. Col. Kathryn Hall
14th Medical Operations Squadron

Air Force core values have been conveyed to military members as desirable traits we should aspire to uphold in our field of public service. Value, as a noun, can be defined as "ideal, custom or institution that arouses an emotional response." As a verb, it can mean "to consider; with respect to worth, excellence, usefulness, or importance." Not surprisingly, both definitions convey value with a connotation of high regard or importance. But what truly defines value is not easily extracted from the pages of a dictionary. In fact, finding a concise description of the meaning of value may be equally as difficult as conveying the message that someone or something is truly valued.

On a daily basis we are continuously exposed to information from an ever-expanding communication network. Knowing what information to extract, or what will be of eventual value, is again influenced by a multi-

tude of factors. Perceptions, needs, timing and experience can all influence an individual's interpretation of value. Even more perplexing, each of these variable influences can also result in extreme differences in the subjective definition of value.

Time can relate to a general time in one's life, the specific time of an occurrence, or even a length of time. At one time or another, everyone has probably wished he or she placed more value on something or someone that seems much more valuable to them in hindsight. We have all probably wished we'd listened a little more closely, studied a little harder, or simply appreciated an experience without distraction, long after the event passed us by.



"United We Stand," reads a postage stamp issued in commemoration of Sept. 11. The meanings of value continue to evolve as we, a nation, recover from the challenges to our national security. Media reports expound on our nation's reaction as we all re-evaluate what is truly valuable to us. Decision-making is implicit in every conscious life process. Even with the act of committing word to paper, a decision is made about the message and ways in which interpretation will affect its synthesis.

I challenge all of my comrades in arms to think long and hard and to decide what is truly valuable to them. Embrace and celebrate all items of value, as conditions are dynamic and there might not be time to appreciate their wonder in the future.

Cherish each person, place, or item of value and treat each one with reverence to its extreme value. Conveying that message of value to the people in your life will be priceless, and may ultimately be what defines value for them in the future.

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Commissary, cereal spotlight 5 military athletes

Military athletes will soon make "cereal history." The Armed Forces Sports Office has teamed with corporate partner General Mills to honor five armed forces athletes on a 2003 commemorative Cheerios box.

Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard athletes are featured on the boxes, which include action shots and short biographies of the athletes outlining their accomplishments as both military members and armed

forces athletes.

The special boxes will be found exclusively in commissaries worldwide during September, or while supplies last.

"This box is an exciting partnership for the Armed Forces Sports Program," said Suba Saty, Armed Forces Sports secretariat. "The box recognizes more than the five athletes on the box - it recognizes the accomplishments of all armed forces athletes!"

"One of our main goals is to bring visibility to the Armed Forces Sports Program and the accomplishments of our athletes," said Rob Hansgen, also of Armed Forces Sports.

The featured athletes will sign autographs and talk to shoppers during appearances at their "hometown" commissaries, or near where they are training for competition, in late August or September. Appearances are scheduled at commissaries at Fort Carson, Colo., Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station, N.J., Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va., Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and Los Angeles Air Force Base.

Soccer star and Air Force Female Athlete of the Year Kristy Kuhlman's appearance at Los Angeles Air Force Base commissary is timed for Sept. 6 to coincide with the kickoff of the Defense Commissary Agency's third annual "Worldwide Case Lot Sale." According to Store Director Art Wescott, "This will really generate a lot of excitement. We're thrilled to have a local athlete on a cereal box featured in the commissary."

Kuhlman said, "Appearing on the Armed Forces commemorative Cheerios box is going to be a very surreal experience for me. I am grateful for the support the military gives its athletes and the opportunity to compete in armed forces, national and international competitions."

"The men and women who participate in the Armed Forces Sports Program while still maintaining a full-time military career should be an inspiration to us all," said

Mike Goetzmann, senior development manager for General Mills.

Featured on the cereal boxes:

Marine 1st Sgt. Douglas Marocco, a senior enlisted advisor at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va. In addition to his many military duties, Marocco is one of the armed forces' top triathletes competing in national and international championships throughout the year. Marocco is a former Armed Forces and two-time Marine Corps Athlete of the Year.

Navy Lt. j.g. Henry Nuzum, is a Tomahawk missile officer and recently served aboard the USS John S. McCain. Nuzum, who competed in the 2000 Olympic Games in rowing, is now assigned to Navy Recruiting in Philadelphia, and is focused on making the 2004 Olympic team.

Air Force 2nd Lt. Kristy Kuhlman, a contracting officer at the Space and Missile Command at Los Angeles Air Force Base. Kuhlman is a 2001 graduate of the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., and currently holds numerous women's soccer records at the academy. She was named most valuable player at the 2002 World Military Women's Soccer Championship and is the reigning 2002 Female Athlete of the Year for the Air Force.

Coast Guard Aviation Maintenance Technician Steven Mlujeak, stationed at the Coast Guard Air Station in Detroit. In his off-duty time, Mlujeak is one of the armed force's top cyclists, placing first among military competitors in the 2000 Olympic trials. He currently is training for the 2004 Olympic trials.

Army Sgt. Dremiel Byers, a supply specialist and member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program in Colorado Springs, Colo. Byers was crowned the 2002 Greco Roman Wrestling champion (264 lbs.) and won the 2003 Hungarian Grand Prix. Byers was named the 2002 Male Athlete of the Year for the Army and is now training to make the 2004 Olympic team. *(Courtesy of Defense Commissary Agency.)*



Gas prices rise as holiday nears

1st Lt. Richard Blakewood
Public affairs

Personnel planning to travel by automobile this weekend can save money on gasoline by following some basic guidelines to maximize their vehicle's fuel efficiency.

"Gas prices are low on base," said Hazel Seichrist, shoppette manager, "but anyone traveling this weekend will have to spend a lot more when they fill up."

Here are some tips from Dennis Cox, Auto Skills Center, on how to stay safe and save money on gasoline over the three-day weekend.

- ❑Ensure that any scheduled maintenance, service, tune-ups, etc. have been performed.
 - ❑Make sure that your tires have been rotated and balanced on schedule.
 - ❑Keep tires properly inflated.
 - ❑Use the recommended octane fuel from your owner's manual.
 - ❑Check all fluids before driving your vehicle and make sure the levels are in accordance with the owner's manual recommendations.
 - ❑Avoid making quick starts or stops.
 - ❑Maintain steady speeds; use cruise control on the highway.
 - ❑Drive the recommended speed; obey the speed limits.
- For more information, call the Auto Skills Center at Ext. 7842.



1st Lt. Richard Blakewood

Tech. Sgt. Ricky Robinson, 37th Flying Training Squadron, fills his tank at the shoppette on Tuesday morning.

AT THE CHAPEL

Catholic

Sunday:

9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass
Wednesday:
11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday:

9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

IN THE THEATER

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the theater.

Today

"Pokemon Heroes" (G, 71 min.)
Animated.

Saturday

"Bad Boys II" (R, strong violence and action, pervasive language, sexuality and drug content, 150 min.)
Starring: Martin Lawrence and Will Smith.

Sept. 5

"Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life" (PG-13, 110 min.)
Starring: Angelina Jolie and Gerard Butler.

ON CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call 1st Lt. Richard Blakewood at Ext. 7065 for more information.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
Air Force Television News

Monday through Sept. 5

9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.
CLEP Tapes:
None due to holiday

FAMILY SUPPORT

Entrepreneur seminar: A small business development seminar is scheduled for 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 9.
Call 434-2839 to register.

Transition Assistance Program: A TAP workshop is scheduled for Sept. 9-11. Anyone within a year of retirement or separation is eligible to attend.
Call 434-2839 to register.

Retirement health benefits: A health benefits briefing for future retirees is scheduled for 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 10.
Call 434-2839 to register.

Unemployment benefits: A Mississippi Employment Security Commission briefing is scheduled for 9:50 to 10:20 a.m. Sept. 11.
Call 434-2839 to register.

Veterans Affairs: A Dept. of V.A. briefing is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 11.
Call 434-2839 to register.

HeartLink spouse orientation: Active duty enlisted and officer spouses new to Columbus or to the military are invited to a free, interactive orientation program from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 15. Participants will learn about benefits, protocol, military lifestyle and local conditions, meet other spouses, and win prizes. Vouchers for childcare are available if needed, and lunch is provided. Seats are limited.

Call 434-2631 to register by Sept. 11.

Employment Expo: The Golden Triangle Employment Expo is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Trotter Convention Center.

Visit <http://www.jobfairs.ms.gov> for a list of employers attending.

Computer studies: Self-paced programs for learning Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, FrontPage, and PhotoDraw are available. Each program has three levels of expertise.
Call 434-2839 for more information.

Remote/deployed briefing: Military people who are going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing offered at 9 a.m. Thursdays.
Call 434-2790 for more information.



Rachel Kasi

Aloha

Hula dancers display the prizes they won Aug. 20 at the Columbus Club Luau . More than 200 members attended the event, which featured a hula contest for adults and children. The club sponsors a membership night, with free food and beverages, door prizes and entertainment, twice a year to show appreciation to its members.

BASE NOTES

Blood drive: The 14th Medical Group and United Blood Services will accept blood donations until 4 p.m. today at the base chapel.

The commander's "Gift of Life" trophy will go to the squadron with the highest percentage of participation. Donors may not have been tattooed within the year, received a blood transfusion in the United Kingdom since 1980, or lived in certain geographic regions during various time periods.

Call Sharon Nichols at 434-2197 for more information .

OSC social: The Officers' Spouses' Club holds its next social at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Columbus Club.

The program is a fashion show, and the menu is roasted strip beef with garlic mashed potatoes. Cost is \$11.50 per person and members get a \$2 discount.

Call 434-8723 for reservations by noon Tuesday.

Catholic confirmation: A confirmation class for Catholics 14 years and older,

including active duty personnel, meets at 6:30 p.m. Saturdays in the chapel conference room. The sacrament of confirmation will be celebrated in spring 2004.

Call Bruny Torres at 434-2500 for more information or to register.

Boy Scouts: Troop 52 Demo Day practice is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 6 at the community center. A campout, canoe race and snorkeling event with Troops 1 and 62 are scheduled for Sept. 13-14 at Camp Pratt. An outdoor skills event is scheduled for Sept. 20 at the Scout Hut.

Call Lawrence Pitts at 434-2310 for more information .

Cub Scouts: Pack 52 is registering first through fifth grade boys interested in Cub Scouting. The council is also recruiting adult leaders.

Call Maj. Bruce Robertson at 241-5024 or Ext. 3569 for more information.

Toddler play group: The Little Me Play Group meets from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the youth center. Infants and toddlers up to age two are welcome.

Call Valerie Manning at 434-5370 for more information.

Young photographers share vision, talent through 4H competition



All the photos submitted in the contest are on display in the day room at the youth center.

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Public Affairs

“I like taking pictures of animals because it’s sort of hard - they are constantly moving and you have to capture the perfect view,” said 12-year-old Maria Hayden, one of the winners in Tuesday’s photography contest at the youth center.

The winners, 4-H club members Maria Hayden, 12; Jane Lightfoot, 11; Dylan Shannon, 8 and Taylor Collie, 7 received cameras from Chris Cannedy, youth activities leader.

The youth center’s 4-H club held a photography contest Tuesday evening.

The 4-H club is an informal, practical, hands-on educational program for youth between the ages of five and 19. Animals, natural resources, engineering, and home economics are among the many projects and workshops the program has to offer. Photography is part of the communications, arts and sciences program.

“Most of these are photos the

children took during a field trip,” said Pearlle Saddler, 4-H activity leader. “We went to the Back 40’s petting farm, Victoria’s Garden in Caledonia, and the antebellum homes in Columbus.”

While the program has photography contests on local, regional and national levels, “this event was a youth center exhibit to motivate the children and to focus on how to prepare for contests and competitions,” she said. “We’re focusing on composition, lighting, how to take scenic pictures as opposed to animal pictures, and so on.”

“This program enhances critical thinking, leadership, decision making skills and teamwork. The children vote on their class leaders and decide what areas of photography they will focus on.”

Maria, for example, is the class president. “As the class leader I make sure everyone is involved and gets a fair share in class activities. When someone is absent, I tell them what we discussed in class.”

“We try to build their skills in telling stories using photography. They also

learn about career options in photography and how to apply it to their everyday lives,” Ms. Saddler said.

“In the future we hope to teach them more about the history of photography, photography icons, go out on studio visits and have at least one outdoor activity per month.

The center has five cameras the children can check out. “We encourage them to take pictures on their own time. They bring them in and we critique them as a class,” she said.

“We only have five 35mm cameras, and some children have their own cameras. But we would appreciate donations. If people have cameras that they’re not using we’d like to have them.”

“This class helped a whole lot because without it I would never have known anything about a camera,” Maria said.

For the fall semester, classes will begin Aug. 29 and continue every other Friday thereafter.

For more information, call Ext. 2504.



From left to right: Ms. Christine Cannedy, 4-H activity leader presents new cameras to Maria Hayden, 12; Jane Lightfoot, 11; and Taylor Collie, 7, winners of Tuesday's photography contest.

Photos by Airman Boto Best



Maria Hayden shares her winning entry. She photographed a horse at the 40's farm in Columbus.



Jane Lightfoot shows her winning photo of cat Ceecee with its favorite toys, a shoe and tennis ball. Jane also entered photos of a dog and a cow.

Services offers new opportunities, old favorites for fall



Pam Wickham

I Got You Babe

Greg Matthes, Whispering Pines Golf Course employee, and Timothy Derouse, base electrician, perform as Sonny and Cher in last year's Three-Lady Scramble skit. The 2003 Three-Lady Scramble is scheduled for Sept. 13 at Whispering Pines Golf Course. All females are invited to play in this tournament for women. Cost is \$120 per team and includes greens fees, carts, tee prizes, dinner and entertainment. Tickets for the dinner and show at the Columbus Club are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at Whispering Pines Golf Course and the Columbus Club. Call Whispering Pines at Ext. 7932 for more information.

Whitewater rafting: ITT offers a whitewater rafting trip Sept. 6-8 to Ocelee, Tenn. Cost is \$99 per person and includes transportation, two nights' lodging, four meals, river trip and guide services. Call Ext. 2505 to register before Sept. 2.

The youth classes include a clothespin scarecrow on Sept. 3, a wood block pumpkin on Sept. 10, a trick-or-treat bag on Sept. 17 and a pumpkin votive on Sept. 24. Call Ext. 7836 to register at least four days in advance.

Youth hiking: The youth center offers a hike for ages 10 through 18 from 8-11 a.m. on Sept. 6 on the Lake Lowndes State Park Nature Trail. There is no charge for the outing. Participants will be driven to Lake Lowndes by van. Refreshments will be served after the hike. Call Ext. 2504 to register before Sept. 4.

Crafts classes: The skills development center offers adult and youth crafts classes. The adult classes include a pumpkin welcome sign Sept. 2, a dryer vent pumpkin Sept. 9, Ghostie the yard decoration Sept. 16, Otis Ryan the scarecrow Sept. 23 and LeRoy the scarecrow on Sept. 30.

Call Ext. 7861 for more information or to make a reservation.

Photography & art contests: The skills development center hosts its annual photographer's contest on Oct. 10 and the artist/craftsman's contest October 17. Stop by the center or call Ext. 7836 for guidelines and requirements.

All ranks bingo: Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom. Play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even coverall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game. Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot is unclaimed. Admission fee for nonmembers is \$5. Payout is based on a minimum number of players. Call Ext. 2489 for more information.

Preschool story time: The library seeks volunteers to read for preschool story time at 10 a.m Wednesdays. Call Ext. 2934 to volunteer.

"Happy Burger" meal: Stop by the Columbus Club Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to order a Happy Burger, fries and a drink for \$3.95; nonmembers pay \$5.95.

A la carte menu and take-out orders are also available. Call Ext. 2489 to order.

Quick shot bingo: The bowling center offers quick shot bingo any time the bowling center is open. Cash prizes are awarded. Cards are \$1 each.

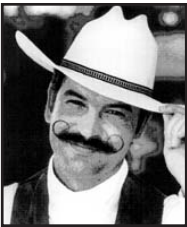
Youth classes: The youth center offers instruction in karate, voice, tumbling, guitar, tennis, dance and sign language. Call Ext. 2504 for more information.

Birthday parties: Strike Zone Lanes offers three different birthday party packages ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$4.75 per person. Stop by to pick up a brochure describing each package or call Ext. 2426 for more information.

SERVICES HOLIDAY HOURS

	<u>Friday</u> <u>29 Aug</u>	<u>Saturday</u> <u>30 Aug</u>	<u>Sunday</u> <u>31 Sept</u>	<u>Monday</u> <u>1 Sept</u>
Auto skills center	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed
Bowling center	6 a.m.-11 p.m	8 a.m.-11 p.m.	11 a.m.-10 p.m.	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Child dev. center	6:30 a.m-5:30 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed
Columbus Club	11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed
Landing Lounge	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Enlisted Lounge	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Copy Cut-Ups	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Fitness center	5 a.m.-11 p.m.	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Golf course	7 a.m.-dusk	7 a.m.-dusk	7 a.m.-dusk	7 a.m.-dusk
ITT	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed
Library	9 a.m.-6 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed
Outdoor rec	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	8 a.m.-noon	Closed	Closed
Skills dev. center	10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed

Comedy Night at the Columbus Club



Robert York



Saturday, September 6
7 p.m.

Tickets on sale now
at the Columbus Club

Members \$5 per person
Nonmembers \$10 per person

Call Ext. 2489 for more information



David Graham



Prairie Arts Festival: The 25th Annual Prairie Arts Festival is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in downtown West Point. The event features fine arts and crafts, food concessions, antiques, a large flea market and entertainment. For more information, call Louise Campbell or Waldean Williamson at 494-5121, or visit http://www.wpnet.org/wp_paf.htm.

Columbus tour: The Columbus Historic Foundation sponsors a bus tour of historic Columbus Sept. 6. All tours leave at 9 a.m. from the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center at 300 Main Street. The tour includes homes, churches, cemeteries and historic roadways in the three Columbus districts on the National Register of Historic Places. Cost is \$10 per person, which includes lunch at the Backdoor Restaurant. Souvenir tickets are available at the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center. For more information, call 329-5300 or (800) 920-3533.

Charity sale: McRae's Charity Sale is Sept. 13. The tickets for the special sale are \$5 each and available at the Columbus Arts Council on Main Street in downtown Columbus. The proceeds from the tickets will go to the Columbus Arts Council and the Rosenzweig Arts Center. For more information, call 328-2787.

Chili cook-off: The "Great Bowls of Fire" chili cook-off is scheduled for Sept. 20-21 in Robinsonville, Miss. The outdoor event includes four cooking contests, a recreational vehicle exhibit and musical entertainment. For more information about participation or hotel rates, contact Sandra Henley at (662) 357-2742 or shenley@tunica.harrahs.com or visit www.harrahs.com and click promos on the Tunica site.

MUW lunch and learn: The Mississippi University for Women Culinary Arts Institute lunch and learn series begins in September and lasts through May. Each year the series focuses on a different aspect of culinary arts. The cost is \$18 per person. Due to limited space, participation in this event can only be guaranteed with payment. For more information, contact the Culinary Arts Institute at 241-7472.



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Williams Weekend

The 2nd Annual Tennessee Williams Tribute & Tour of Victorian Homes is scheduled for Sept. 11-14 in Columbus. Scholars' presentations are free. Tickets for luncheons, a Moon Lake party and a Tennessee Williams play can be reserved by calling 328-5413.

Tickets for the Victorian home tour can be purchased any time before the event Sept. 14 between noon and 4 p.m. at the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center, 300 Main St. For prices, brochures or more information call 328-0222.

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees. Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue. Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads. Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one): Home Transportation Miscellaneous Yard sales Pets

Print advertisement: _____

Name: _____

Home Telephone #: _____ Duty Telephone #: _____
(in case we need more information)

Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:
Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes ☐ No ☐
What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐
If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

“Happy” Fund golf tournament helps community

Airman Boto Best
Public Affairs

Base residents, employees and the general public are all invited to attend the 4th Annual “Happy” Fund Golf Tournament at 9 a.m. Sept. 12 at Whispering Pines The Happy Fund event provides gifts for needy children in Columbus, and fruit baskets for the elderly and widowed at Christmas. “I’ve never had a hard day in my life,” said George “Happy” Irby Sr., founder. “I was raised helping people. I

grew up with my father and six brothers, and our family helped a lot of people during the Depression. I guess I’ve been doing it ever since.” Schools send in a list of needy children to the board. “[In 2002] we helped 450 children and delivered about 150 fruit baskets,” Mr. Irby said. Capt. Edward Segura, board member said, “It’s been successful so far. In 2002 we raised about \$3,000 for the fund and this year we hope to raise over \$5,000. “We’re raising money for a worthy cause and it goes directly to our local community. You get to make a contri-

bution and have a good time.” The fee for the event is \$30 per person and includes greens fees, lunch and prizes. Participants may pay in advance or at the door, but are asked to pre-register with Captain Segura. “We go shopping for supplies and presents Dec. 10,” said Mr. Irby. Anyone can contribute to the Happy Fund any time throughout the year. Volunteers for buying, wrapping and delivering the gifts are also welcome. For more information call Ext. 2692.

SHORTS

No-Tap Bowling

Mark your calendars for Sept. 19. Sign up by 6:45 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Bowling expertise not required, just have fun, fun, and fun! Call Ext. 2426.

Fall bowling leagues

Registration for the fall bowling leagues by Sept. 5. Leagues available for the Tuesday Night Mixed, Wednesday Night Couples, Thursday night Intramurals, Monday Night and Tuesday Morning Ladies. Call Ext. 2426.

AF B'day Run/Walk

Take in a 1.5-mile walk or a 5K run Sept. 19 starting at 8 a.m. There will also be various door prizes given away. Contestants of all ages are welcome. Call Ext. 2773.

Fitness 101

So you know you want to get in shape, but you’re not sure how to use all those complicated machines at the Fitness Center? Schedule yourself for a Fitness 101 class! We will show you how to find your target heart rate so you see results faster and show you how to use all of our equipment. Classes are by appointment only. Call Ext. 2773.

Personal Trainers

Are you new to the fitness center? If not, is your workout routine getting boring and stale? You’re seeing results but maybe there’s something else you could be doing? Come see one of our certified personal trainers and we’ll do what we can to help you get more out of your workout! Call Ext. 2773.

Super Circuit Training

Take this class but you must complete the Fitness 101 class first. The Fitness

Center offers this new class focusing on the benefits of circuit training. This is not a class for beginners, but if you’re tired of not seeing any results with your normal routine, this class may be for you. And with classes available each week in the morning and evening, you can bet you will be able to find time in your schedule. Classes are by appointment only. Call Ext. 2773.

Aerobics Classes

From Beginning Step to Kickboxing, Spinning to Yoga, we offer 15 different classes every week! For information on class times, call the Fitness Center at Ext. 2772 or stop by the front desk for a schedule. If you are interested in teaching and have your certifications, call Ext. 2773.

Recreational Soccer

For ages 18 and older only! BLAZE and military ID card holders are eligible to participate. The league runs year round and will feature a double round-robin season, followed by a single elimination tournament with games being played on the weekends. Forms will be available at the Fitness Center front desk. Check out the web site for all the latest updates go to geocities.com/columbusfutbol/. Call 434-2772 or stop by the Fitness Center front desk for more information.

Softball Playoffs

Sept. 9, 11 and 16 catch some of the action on the softball fields to see who will play in the championship game Sept. 18.

3-Lady Scramble

Mark your calendars for Sept. 13 for this one day tournament. Entry is \$40 per person and includes tee prizes, door prizes, 18-holes of golf, cart and dinner with

entertainment at the club. Social tickets for the dinner/entertainment is \$15 each and can be purchased at the pro shop. Register by Sept. 5 and deadline for purchasing social tickets is Sept. 5 also. Call Ext. 7932.

Thursday scrambles

Thursday scrambles are every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at the golf course. Must be registered by 4 p.m. Compute will select the teams based on handicaps. Entry is \$5 per play plus greens fees. Beginner’s welcome! Call Ext. 7932.

Youth Basketball

The Youth Center offers the biggest basketball tournament Sept. 12-13 starting at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 12 and at 9 a.m. Sept. 13. The tournament is free and open to children ages 9-18. Deadline for registration is Sept. 8. Trophies will be awarded in the following age groups: 9-10; 11-12; 13-15 and 16-18. Participants will play one on one against their opponent until a winner has been determined. Call Ext. 2504.

Youth fall soccer

Registration runs thru Sept. 5 for this program open to ages 3-18. Members pay \$25 and nonmembers \$35. A \$10 late fee will be assessed after Sept. 5. The season starts this month. Ages 3-4 will participate in our First Steps program. Volunteer coaches are needed. Please register at the youth center. Call Ext. 2504.

Fishing Rodeo

Mark your calendars for Sept. 27 for this fun rodeo at Lake Lowndes Sate Park from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants must register by Sept. 22 at the Youth Center. Awards will be given for the largest fish, most fish and the first fish caught. Parents are required to provide their own transporta-

tion to the rodeo. Park entry fee is \$5. Call Ext. 2504.

Tae Kwon Do

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. The cost is \$40 per month; a student must be five years of age to be enrolled. Call Ext. 2504.

Tumbling Tots

Class for ages 18 months through 4 years of age is being offered at the Youth Center Tuesday mornings from 9-10 a.m. and Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. Classes begin Sept. 9. First class is free. The cost is \$40 for the first child and \$35 for the second. Call Ext. 2504.

Tennis Lessons

The youth center is now offering tennis lessons for ages 5 and older. Cost is \$40 a month for a one-hour lesson twice a week. For ages 7 and younger the lessons are 45-minutes twice a week. Scheduling will be through the instructor. Cost for a second child of the same family is \$35 per month. Call Ext. 2504.

Horsemanship

Lessons are now offered on the base for riders of all ages and abilities. Flying MEZ Riders offers opportunities for the beginning or advanced rider, riders wishing to learn “the basics,” riders with disabilities, or riders wanting to relax on a trail ride. Flying M EZ Riders will provide you with a lesson horse and materials. Each horse-manship session is fun and educational, giving riders of all abilities the opportunity to succeed at their own level. Cost ranges from \$8.50 to \$17 per person for 30-minute sessions depending on individual or group lessons. For more information, please call Nikki McBlair at 434-6627.